

POLICY OF THE MAINE BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL

The Medical Advisory Committee

Background

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control recognizes the potential impact of some pesticides on human health, as well as the importance of protecting the beneficial uses of most pesticides when used carefully by responsible applicators. In order to separate potentially harmful chemicals from the essentially safe ones, the Board needs expert advisors, knowledgeable in the field of human health research or clinical practice, who can add their assessments to the economic and benefit recommendations of others prior to the Board initiating and ruling on pesticide restrictions.

These persons will be established as a volunteer Medical Advisory Committee to the Board of Pesticides Control.

Membership

The Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) will be composed of six members. One member will be the physician member who serves on the Board of Pesticides Control. This member will also chair the committee. The remaining five members will be appointed by the Board. The Board will solicit and review resumes for any vacancy on the MAC. The Board should appoint as members persons whose disciplines in aggregate are suitable for identifying and evaluating health hazards or risks. Members are not required to be physicians, but should be qualified professionals in a related health care or medical research discipline.

Term

MAC members will be appointed by the Board for three years of service, with terms to be staggered.

Meetings

The Committee will meet on an as needed basis at the invitation of the MAC chairman.

Compensation

The MAC is voluntary and no compensation for services is available. However, all reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed, subject the approval of the staff director, in a manner consistent with State Travel Policy.